Norridge District 80 PTA – Meeting Minutes November 1, 2022

**Agenda -** Call meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Principal’s Report by**

- Lots of great feedback about the Halloween party and class parties. Very well attended, families had a blast and gave amazing feedback about the DJ, balloons, decorations, etc. From an adult standpoint, it seemed we needed more adult volunteers at the front doors and the bag pass out. There was some confusion about Giles students and some were caught roaming the building, etc. Next year, we will try to be more clear that only Giles volunteers should attend and stay in the gym. Also, students should not be sitting on top of the bleachers so please let admin know if we want them to be taken down before hand for extra seating. Irene spoke about rethinking the space, lines, etc. Maybe we could think about doing a trunk or treat option in the field. Dr. Biedke suggested using Giles Pride Leaders as volunteers.

- Teachers were very happy with how the Halloween parties went and felt they were well organized and engaging. Some room parents shared plans with teachers and some didn’t. Next year, please make sure all room parents share the plan with teachers beforehand. One of the kindergarten teachers did not have any helpers and does not have a room parent. Kindergarten teachers wondered if the room parents were flexible because some bounced from room to room. Teachers were wondering what the next event will be for Room Parents.

- Dr. Rabiola had his son last week. Mom and baby are doing well. He will be back on November 7th

- Conferences 11/3 and 11/10 – option for a virtual or in person conference

**Principal’s Report by Mr. Biedke**

- Athletics: Boys soccer team advanced to the finals. Volleyball is going well as well. Boys basketball and cheerleading teams will have tryouts soon. Please make sure students have a current physical on file if they want to tryout. All of the regular season information is on the District public calendar.

- LMC furniture arrived and has been put in place.

- District released important information about upcoming scheduling. There is no school on Tuesday, 11/8 due to Election Day. Friday, 11/11 there is a SIP early release day.

- Please check out the IL School Report Card. Giles school as reached the highest level.

- Fall picture retakes are Wednesday, 11/2.

- Graduation Pictures are on Monday, 11/7 at Giles School. Please stay away from the color green for clothing.

- 8th Grade PTA Committee meeting: design will be chosen for sweatshirts, Tim Ludston is going to DJ the 8th grade dance free of charge.

- Erin’s Law will take place this week at Giles. You should have emailed administrators if you want to opt your child out of that programming.

**Last month’s minutes were approved by Natalia Zanayed.**

**Treasurer Report by Jennifer Adams**

As of September 30th, the balance in the account was $28, 386.39. Jen passed around the bank statements to be signed and approved by the members.

**Committees:**

**School Support**

We’ll send out the sign up for Stock the Lounge after conferences are over. Dinner will be provided for the teachers on November 10th.

**Membership**

Mrs. Zywiciel and Mr. Broder’s classes won the pizza parties and had a blast! Vince’s pizza helped with a discount for that.

**Spirit Wear**

Double Dee Design was chosen to be the spirit wear vendor. Website is live for purchases. Paper forms started going home but they were missing prices. New forms will go out this week. It will run until November 11th.

**Box Tops**

We’re off to a great start. Please continue to scan your receipts and put your birthday in the app – you get extra points. Check Facebook to see when we post about Bonus weeks/months!

**Room Parents**

No update. Leigh’s potluck dinner sign up is doing well but Giles still need more sign ups to provide dinner for the teachers.

**Cultural Arts**

We have a date on hold with the BMX Rider Matt Wilhelm for Leigh School.

**Book Fair**

Dr. Rabiola gave the tax exempt number to Amanda McPhillips. The book fair will be set up in Tiger Territory. Dr. Rabiola will confirm details with Nicole and Amanda.

**Dinner Nights -** Athena reached out to a few businesses.

**Fall Fundraisers**

Wreath Sale: Wreath fundraiser is already at around $600.

Boosterthon: We’re moving this to the Spring.

Chicago Wolves: Friday, December 30th. Tickets would be $20 and comes with a hat. We can add on a food voucher for $8.

**Halloween Party**

There is a ton of concessions stuff left. Ashley did an inventory of what is left. We can use a bunch for parent teacher conferences and some for concession stands. Katey wondered if we could possibly do a pre-registration next year. Maybe we could also charge a very small fee - $3 pre registration/$5 at the door. Irene bought 5 inflatables and would sell them to pta for $170 total. Homemade By Zia Mia donated a tray of cookies.

**Concession Stand**

TBD.

**Winter Dance (instead of Fall)**

5th/6th will be on January 20th and 7th/8th will be on January 27th.  The DJ is booked for these events.

**Santa’s Workshop**

December 7-9 -- Leigh Set up on December 6th

December 12-13 – Giles Pop Up

We’ll start pricing in November.

PTA Meeting on 12/6 – Starting at 5:00. We will begin pricing at 5:00. PTA Meeting at 6:30 and then finish pricing and setting up afterwards.

**Parent’s Night Out**

Bears Game outing – potentially at Short Fuse Brewery or Shoeless Joe’s. Irene will explore the options

**Mother/Son Dodgeball**

Irene will give us potential dates at the next meeting for March or April dates

**Field Day**

Potential date for Field Day at Leigh is June 2nd rain date on June 6th. Field Day at Giles would ideally be May 31st. Dates to be finalized at the November meeting.

**Spring Fundraiser**

Petunia flower baskets – to be delivered in time for Mother’s Day

Boosterthon

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**Set up for Book Fair afterwards.**